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**THE VILLAGE HAITIAN TREATMENT PROJECT  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Cluster Group Affiliation**—TCE HIV

**Congressional Districts Served**—Florida 17<sup>th</sup>

**Purpose, Goals, and Objectives**—The Village South, Inc., Partners in Recovery “Little Haiti,” program proposes to expand its capacity to treat non-English-speaking Haitian male and female substance abusers who reside in ‘Little Haiti’ Dade County, Florida. The Village seeks to accomplish three goals: reduce the spread of alcohol- and drug-abuse related HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases among the target population, reduce the gap in morbidity and mortality for minority populations affected with HIV/AIDS, and reduce the reliance of 55 substance abusing men and women and their families on social welfare.

**Target Population/Geographic Service Area**—Dade County Florida is the geographic service area. The population of this region consists primarily of minority persons (55 percent of residents are Hispanic, 25 percent are, non-Hispanic white, and 20 percent are non-Hispanic black). The target population consists of hard-to- reach, substance-abusing, HIV-positive Haitian men and women.

**Theoretical Model**—The Village employs a ‘step-down’ treatment model that consists of a seamless continuum of services that embrace the philosophy that one size will not fit all and uses specific criteria for matching clients with treatment services, based on a careful assessment of needs within a culturally appropriate treatment environment. This model allows clients to enter and engage those services that are maximally appropriate for their needs and allows clients to progress through the program at a pace most suitable to their treatment objectives.

**Service Providers**—The Village South, Inc., Partners in Recovery program (in Creole, Asosye Nan Rekouvremant) is a comprehensive behavioral health care provider in Miami-Dade County and will be the primary service provider.

**Services Provided**—Employing the ‘step-down’ model described above, the Village offers a five-phase individualized approach to treatment that includes residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, HIV/AIDS screening and assessment, detoxification, primary medical care, self-esteem and confidence enhancement, self-reliance training, life skills development, substance abuse education, psychosocial coping skills, and relapse prevention.

**Number of Persons Served**—The village proposes to serve 55 Creole-speaking Haitian men and women who are addicted to alcohol and other illegal drugs each year of the funded period.

**Desired Project Outputs**—The Village seeks to achieve the following outcomes: (1) reduction in the spread of alcohol and other drug-related HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases among Haitian men and women in the service area; (2) reduce the gaps in morbidity and mortality between minority populations and other cultural and ethnic groups in the service area; (3) increase the number of persons in the target group in treatment; and (4) improve awareness and knowledge among target clients of HIV/AIDS and health problems associated with addictive behaviors.

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## EVALUATION

**Strategy and Design**—Using a multistage, pretest/post-test design, the evaluation will consist of both process and outcomes assessments. The process (formative) evaluation will document and interpret the developmental stages of the program’s implementation and use the results to improve program performance. The outcome (summative) assessment will evaluate the extent to which the program was successful in achieving its stated goals and objectives.

**Evaluation Goals/Desired Results**—The evaluation has two primary goals. They are to assess the efficacy of the programs’ implementation and use those results to improve the implementation process and to assess the extent to which the goals and objectives of the program were achieved.

**Evaluation Questions and Variables**—The questions that will be addressed in evaluating programmatic outcomes will include the following: How effective were the treatment and intervention strategies in achieving the desired program goals and objectives? How effective was the treatment/intervention in achieving the desired goals and objectives? and How well did the treatment/intervention improve the social functioning, health status, and mental well-being of the program participants?

**Instruments and Data Management**—Few culturally appropriate assessment instruments exist for the target population. Considering the cost of developing and establishing the psychometric properties of new instruments, the project decided to use a battery of existing standardized instruments. This battery included the ASI, the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, the Parenting Stress Index, the Child Behavior Checklist—Revised, the Self-Efficacy Scale, the Family Environment Scale, and the GPRA tool.

## APPROVED FUNDING LEVEL

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03: \_\_\_\_\_

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